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SUBJECT: DATES OF HUSAK VISIT TO BUCHAREST SET

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1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TELLS ME CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT AND
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CPCZ GENERAL SECRETARY GUSTAV HUSAK WILL VISIT BUCHAREST JUNE
22-24. SOURCE IN ROMANIAN EMBASSY INDICATES SEVERAL AGREEMENTS
OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE MAY BE SIGNED.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS WAS RECEIVED BY CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY MINISTER
JOSEF SIMON JUNE 9 TO DISCUSS "ECONOMICA AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL
COOPERATION" BETWEEN CSSR AND ROMANAI, PRESUMABLY IN RELATION TO

THE HUSAK VISIT. MEANWHILE, IN BRATISLAVA AN EXHIBIT HAS
OPENED ON THE SUBJECT OF "100 YEARS OF ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE."

3. HAS, INCIDENTALLY, IS NO DOUBT APPROACHING THE END OF HIS SIX
YEAR ASSIGNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE HAS INDICATED TO ME THAT
HE WANTED TO STAY HERE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER THROUGH
SCHOOL IN PRAGUE THIS JUNE AND TO HELP ORGANIZE THE HUSAK VISIT
TO ROMANIA. THEN, HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA
FAIRLY SOON, PROBABLY FOR AN ASSIGNMENT IN BUCHAREST.

4. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE INDICATED BEFORE (REFTEL), THE
CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP DOUBTLESS VALUES THE HUSAK VISIT TO
BUCHAREST, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME, AS A SYMBOL OF VIRTUALLY COMPLETE
"NORMALIZATION" OF BILATERAL RELATIONS -- CLOSING THE PERIOD
OF UNUSUAL STAINS THAT BEGAN WITH CEAUSESCU'S DENUNCIATION OF THE
SOVIET'S ARMED INTERVENTION HERE IN 1968. WE HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS
REFERENCES IN RECENT SPEECHES BY CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS TO THE
CONCEPT OF SOLIDARITY WITHIN THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH"--
I.E. REFERENCES TO THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE CREATED TO JUSTIFY THE
1968 INTERVENTION--AND VIEW THESE STATEMENTS LARGELY AS PART OF A
MOSCOW-DIRECTED IDEOLOGICAL BUILD-UP FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE
FOLLOW-UP TALKS. HUSAK'S VISIT TO THE CAPITAL OF THE ONE
WARSAW PACT MEMBER THAT HAS MADE CLEAR ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE
1968 INTERVENTION WILL NO DOUBT BE USED BY PRO-SOVIET IDEOLOGISTS
IN PRAGUE AS EVIDENCE THAT THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE IS ALIVE AND
WELL--DESPITE WESTERN ATTEMPTS AT CSCE TO UNDERMINE IT. WE
SUSPECT CZECHS WILL BE WATCHING VER CLOSELY CEAUSESCU'S
HANDLING OF REFERENCES TO SUCH QUESTIONS DURING THE
FORTHCOMING VISIT.
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